

REMARKS

The office action of November 20, 2003, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing all the features of claim 11.

The specification is objected to for not providing definite antecedent basis for all the features in claim 11.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Riemenschneider in view of the patent to Stoner.

Claims 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Riemenschneider in view of Stoner, and further in view of the patent to Aberg.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicant has enclosed herewith new Fig. 11 which illustrates the

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plastic inner container and the cladding recited in claim 11. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added since these features are mentioned in the originally filed application in the paragraph beginning on line 16 of page 10.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that all of the features recited in the claims are shown in the drawings, no new matter is added and the objections to the drawings are overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's objection to the specification applicant has amended the specification to provide more definite antecedent basis for the wording in claim 11. In view of these changes it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the specification is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims applicant has canceled claims 5-10 and amended claim 11.

It is respectfully submitted that the claim 11 now on file particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has corrected

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the typographical error pointed out by the Examiner. In view of this change it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

With the cancellation of claims 5-10 it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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